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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF.

September 28, 1995

Dear Resident:

This letter is to update you about the cleanup activities at the American Chemical Services Superfund site at 420 S. Colfax Ave. in Griffith, Indiana. I would also like to introduce myself as the new remedial project manager.

Under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) completed an environmental investigation of the site in 1991. Based upon the results of the study, U.S. EPA selected a cleanup plan. The selected plan was outlined in the September 1992 Record of Decision.

In September 1994, U.S. EPA ordered the PRPs to implement the selected plan. The responsible parties have already hired several contractors to conduct the work, including the waste and water treatment systems. This part of the cleanup is currently in the design phase.

The following are the next steps in the cleanup process:

- Install a fence around the site to prevent public access to the contaminated area;
- Install a pump and treat system to address ground-water contamination;
- Continue to evaluate and monitor adjacent wetlands; and
- Begin long-term ground-water monitoring.

The cleanup also includes excavating approximately 400 drums for off-site incineration; excavating and treating buried waste materials, treating on-site contaminated soil; and sampling additional residential wells near the site. The responsible parties will perform this work as well.

In addition, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has recently sampled several residential wells near the site. The water was found to be safe and in compliance with all applicable drinking water standards.

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111 N. Broad St.  
(219) 924-7500

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940 N. Broad St.  
(219) 838-2825

An administrative record, which contains all the information upon which the cleanup plan was based, has also been established at the town hall and at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (800) 621-8431 or (312) 886-4745. You may also contact Holly Grejda, IDEM's Project Manager, at (317) 233-6358.

Sincerely,



Sheri L. Bianchin  
Remedial Project Manager